

Domaine La Florane

A FLEUR DE PAMPRE

Côtes du Rhône Villages - Visan



The Domaine at-a-glance

Owner: François Fabre
Winemakers: François and Adrien Fabre
Soil: Stony Clay-Limestone **First Vintage:** 1998
Size: 25 Ha **Location:** Visan, Southern Côtes du Rhône
Appellations Produced: Côtes du Rhône Villages - Visan



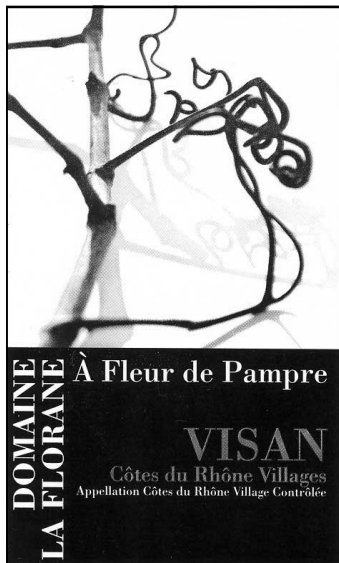
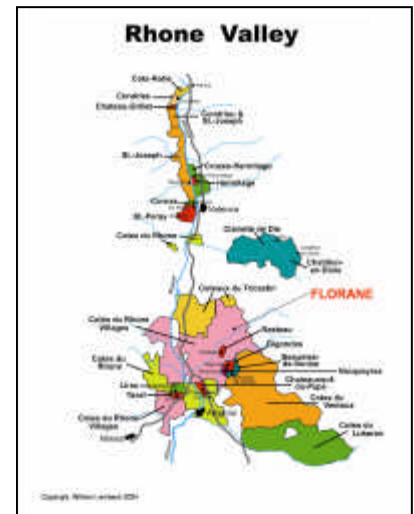
François Fabre

François Fabre is a third generation winemaker extremely dedicated to the quality of his wine. His son, Adrien, is now assisting him in the operation of his two domaines, Domaine La Florane and Domaine de L'Echevin. The south facing vineyards of La Florane are located in a small, wind-swept valley on the outskirts of Visan.



The Village of Visan

The land around Visan was once property of the Knights Templar and later in 1317 it became papal land. François recently modernized the winery which is, by his own design, an impressive blend of new and old technology. He put in place a gravity fed system for processing the grapes. The grapes are loaded into a crusher/de-stemmer on tracks, suspended above the tanks. The crusher/de-stemmer then moves down the track to a desired location, and drops the grapes directly into the tank by gravity. This ingenious system saves time, labor, and allows the grapes to be processed in a short amount of time which helps prevent oxidation. François uses reasonably organic viticultural practices, restricts yields, performs a strict selection process in the field, and harvests the grapes by hand in order to produce concentrated wines without masking the terroir.



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Notes: This is a medium bodied red made from a blend of Syrah and Grenache. The wine is spicy with hints of white pepper that complement the black cherry and black raspberry fruit flavors and firm tannins. This wine is a perfect match for most grilled meats and is especially good with a steak au poivre.